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PAPER AND TIMBER INDUSTRY CRITICIZED

A conference of management representatives of the Latvian cellulose and paper industry was held on 9 March. Dem'yanov, chief of the Administration of the Cellulose and Paper Industry, reported the production results for 1948 and the tasks for 1949. During the discussion which followed, the work of the Slova Cellulose and Paper Combine was severely criticized. As in the past, the Combine is continuing to produce cellulose of low quality. The management of the Combine wastes national funds uneconomically. Raw material is used without supervision and waste material is not utilized.

The work of the Administration of the Latvian Cellulose and Paper Industry was also criticized. Suzayev, chief engineer of the administration, and his assistants, gave very little aid to enterprises. Until now the technological process has not been regulated in a number of factories, such as the "Ligate," the Jauntis Paper Factory, and the Slicka Combine. Directors of enterprises pointed out that the "Glavbumbst" (Main Administration of Paper Sales) does not give proper attention to the sale of finished products.

Moynan, Vice Minister of Timber and Paper Industry Latvian SSR, and Polyakov, deputy head of the Heavy Industry Section of the TsK KP(b) Latvia, also took part in the conference.

The autumn and winter logging plan, approved by the Soviet of Ministers USSR, has not been fulfilled satisfactorily in Primorsky Krai as a whole. The majority of timber managements did not complete the January plan and the work rate has been slowed in some regions. Several directors of logging enterprises have not taken necessary measures to improve logging even after special decrees were made on the subject. Hauling and transport of timber continues to lag because transport means are not being used effectively. Logging lags particularly in Shkotovskiy, Buidenovskiy, and Yakovlevskiy regions.

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Production discipline among kolhoz workers in the Tigrovskoye Timber Management, Shkotovskiy Rayon, is very low. Less than half of the kolhoz workers suitable for logging were put to work in the first half of January in the rayon, and the same situation prevails in other rayons. Enterprises and organizations in cities and workers settlements must increase their efforts to aid the timber-hauling program by lending additional transport means and drivers.

BELORUSSIAN TIMBER PRODUCTION HIGH -- Sovetskaya Belorussiya, No 31, 13 Feb 49

Gomel' Oblast and Slonimskiy, Slutskiy, Danilovichskiy, Seputskinskiy, Il'yinskiy, and Yel'skiy rayons have fulfilled the seasonal timber procurement and hauling plan. However, the general average for the first 5 days of February dropped 37 percent in comparison with the last 5 days of January.

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